

it, and because he hoped they would for the future be good boys, but if ever they were guilty of the same fault, he would whip them very severely. Master Richards then gave them the halfpence he had promised, and rode home, happy in the delightful reflection of having acted properly.

As soon as his mamma saw him, she was apprehensive of some accident; but when he told her the reason of his early return, she embraced him, and led him to his papa, who praised him highly, and said, that such a son was an honour to his parents.

When the young gentlemen returned, they called upon master Richards, and after telling him that the wax-work was very fine, they added, but we assure you, master Richards, we all wish, that we had chose rather to have preserved the poor cock from suffering,

suffering, than to have felt which was all over in half. Indeed, says master Richards, had seen the happy creature was set down upon his dun he crowed and clapt his w how joyful all his family w him, you would have thou self rewarded for the loss such sighs. I feel myself whenever I think of it. Y dears, said master Richards indulgence of benevolence affections, occasions the m and lasting enjoyment, who prefer a mere present sure, to the practice of will repent of their folly; sured they will find, that tention to the distresses will prevent their gaining